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Shipwreck's Beach closed to swimming due to apparent shark bite

Po'ipū – Ocean Safety officials have closed Keoneloa Bay, also known as Shipwreck's Beach, to swimming after a 29-year-old male visitor was apparently bit by a shark while body boarding around 8 a.m. Thursday.

The man sustained non-life threatening injuries to his leg and was transported by a private vehicle to seek medical care.

Lifeguards have posted "Shark Sighted" and "No Swimming" signs along Keoneloa Bay and are roving the shoreline to warn surfers and beachgoers to stay out of the water until further notice.

Per standard protocol, the state Department of Land and Natural Resources was notified of the incident. Lifeguards will reassess the water Friday morning to determine if it is safe for swimming.

For updates on beach conditions, speak to a county lifeguard or call the Ocean Safety Bureau at 241-4984.

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